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Proposed Procedural Changes Under CLAS

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Information and Management Support  
Staff, OL

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Chief, Supply Division, OL

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REFERENCE: Memorandum for C/SD from CLAS/IMSS, dated  
1 Feb 88, Subject: Comments on the Part  
Number Concept

1. Supply Division (SD) personnel are fully committed to ensuring the success of CLAS and are willing to do whatever is necessary to adapt to the new system. There are numerous areas which will necessitate change and SD personnel are ready, willing and able to assist in the development of procedures to cope with any foreseen changes or problems. However, unnecessary change should be avoided and in this regard, SD would like to voice its opposition to the Stock/Part Number concept proposed by the Commercial Logistics Applications System (CLAS) team.

2. SD personnel have discussed this concept with several members of the CLAS team. While the team has logical workable solutions to circumvent most of our objections, we still feel this is an unnecessary change and object to the concept. Our rationale follows: the Central Intelligence Agency is part of the Federal Government and depends on the Federal Supply System for support. The fact that only a third of the items in the Agency supply system have good Federal Stock Numbers (FSN) is immaterial. The FSN has a formal structure which provides information to system users. Granted, the value of this information depends on the experience of the user. Of more importance is the formal structure of the FSN which provides a standardized approach to item identification. To maintain order within the supply system, two things are required: a central point of control, and a structured numbering system. To allow inventory managers to randomly assign alpha numeric codes for part/stock numbers without some type of standardized

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basis could result in total havoc. SD has overall responsibility for maintaining the integrity of the Agency's Inventory Control System. SD, with a central point of control and a standardized numbering system, has problems which will be greatly compounded under the proposed concept. To allow individual inventory managers to establish their own system of stock numbers within the overall system without some common rationale basis will result in disorganization, confusion, and unpredictable results.

How?  
For what?

3. The FSN is a tried and proven standardized approach which works well and SD recommends this system be mandatory under CLAS. Also, to maintain uniformity in the system, ensure Federal cataloging standards are followed, prevent duplication of stock numbers, decrease the possibility of commercial items being stocked when an equivalent Federal Supply item is available, and reduce the likelihood of like items being carried under several stock numbers, SD should continue to retain responsibility for cataloging and stock number assignments.

4. Any questions regarding this matter should be referred to

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